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PINCHOT OR BALLINGER?

Gifford Pinchot, in charge of the U. S. forest reserves, is being made the subject of attack by Secretary of the Interior, Ballinger, because their ideas concerning the conservation of the people's interest are at variance.

"There's a reason."

That reason is that Pinchot is fully conversant with the general science of forestry; he is acquainted with the topography, timber, natural resources, water sheds; in fact with every essential detail connected with every forest reserve in the country—indeed most of the reserves have been set apart under his administration and through his efforts.

Now while Pinchot knows all about every subject and phase of our forest reserves, Ballinger knows a little less than nothing—for what knowledge he thinks he possesses is in the form of distorted representations made to him by parties and interests that for purposes of personal profit desire the disintegration of the reserves and their restoration to the open public domain where their resources can be exploited for private gain.

The forest reserve is practically under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture; but in the exercise of some of his proper functions Forester Pinchot has been compelled to enter a field wherein it might be technically claimed he invaded the realm of the Department of the Interior, which has charge of the National Parks, Geological Surveys, etc; which gives Ballinger a chance to "butt in."

Pinchot is Chief Forester, not because he needs the money, for he is a rich man; but because he was one of the best-informed forestry experts in the country, the government needed just such service as he could render, and he was patriotic enough to sacrifice his personal interests to the public good and to take in hand the formation of this beneficent branch of the public service. That's why Pinchot is Forester.

Ballinger was given his as a reward for political services, which marks a big difference.

ENGLAND VS. AMERICA.

A little more than three weeks from the day the crime was committed and after a trial which lasted less than one hour, Madari Dhangari, the Indian student, who shot and killed Lieut.-Col. Curzon Wylie and Dr. Cawas Lalcaia at a reception at the Imperial Institute in London, was found guilty of murder and sentenced to be executed, says The Seattle Times.

In this country the trial would probably have been deferred six

or eight months, would have lasted several weeks and in the end the young man would have had an excellent chance to escape with a punishment no more severe than a brief incarceration in an insane asylum.

But they do things differently in England and in this one respect at least they do them very much better than we do here.

Like most of our sensational murder cases in the United States the fact of the killing of these two distinguished Englishmen by the young Indian student was not disputed.

In London that was enough. The young man did not deny that he fired the shots. There was testimony to show that the shooting was premeditated, and that was sufficient.

There was only a brief reference allowed to the fact that the shooting was caused by political and not by personal reasons, and the matters of insanity, paranoia or "dementia Indi" were not even mentioned.

In America the condition of the young man's mind—the fact that he believed it to be his duty as an Indian to protest in this manner against the treatment accorded his people by the British government and a whole lot of similar rot would have kept the best criminal lawyers in the land busy for as long a time as the money of his friends and sympathizers held out.

British justice is harsh at times, but it has a way of discouraging capital crime which we might very well copy.

CIGARETTES KILL LEECHES

At the request of a local merchant, the Gazette-Times reprints the following article which has been going the rounds recently. It is worth the while of all who use cigarettes.

"You smoke thirty cigarettes a day?"

"Yes, on the average."

"You don't blame them for your run-down condition?"

The physician shook his head. He smiled in a vexed way. Then he took a leech out of a glass jar.

"Let me show you something," he said. "Bare your arm."

The cigarette fiend bared his pale arm, and the other laid a lean, black leech upon it. The leech fell to work busily. Its body began to swell. Then, all of a sudden, a kind of shudder convulsed it, and it fell to the floor, dead.

"That is what your blood did to that leech," said the physician. He took up the little corpse between his thumb and finger.

"Look at it," he said. "Quite dead, you see. You poisoned it."

"I guess it wasn't a very healthy leech in the first place," said the cigarette smoker, sullenly.

"Wasn't healthy, eh? Well, we'll try again."

And the physician clapped two leeches on the young man's thin arm.

"If they both die," said the patient, "I'll swear off—or, at least, I'll cut my daily allowance from thirty cigarettes to ten."

Even as he spoke the smaller leech shivered and dropped on his knee, dead, and a moment later the large one fell beside it.

"This is ghastly," said the young man. "I am worse than the pestilence to these leeches."

"It is the empyreumatic oil in your blood," said the medical man. "All cigarette fiends have it."

"Doc," said the young man regarding the three dead leeches thoughtfully, "I half believe you are right."—West Virginia School Journal.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES HERE

Ten years ago a man wanted to borrow \$1500 on 100 acres of land in the Yakima valley, and couldn't get it from a loan company because the security was not considered sufficient; the careful money lenders doubted whether the land was really worth \$15 an acre. The man got the money elsewhere, somehow, and today one acre of it is worth all he tried to borrow 10 years ago on 100 acres—Fruit. He doesn't need to borrow any money now. The money lenders would be glad to lend him \$50,000 on the same land that they couldn't see \$1500 in 10 years ago.

The same thing, practically, if not in quite so great a degree in many cases, is true in numerous localities in Oregon. And it is not always fruit, either. It may be vegetables, if near a good-sized, growing town, or alfalfa or vetch. In the course of a year, The Journal, always on the watch for these accomplishments, mentions probably a hundred veritable instances where a person has made from \$500 to \$1000 in a single year off a single acre of strawberries. An acre of cabbages, or onions, may yield from \$100 to \$300. So with other things which we city folks want and pay cheerfully whatever is asked. There are 10,000 opportunities in a hundred localities in this splendid Pacific northwest to do what is herein indicated; to get more every year off a small piece of land than one has to pay for it.

And many people are finding this out.

The wonder is that enough young men stay in the towns to do the business necessary to be done, at small salaries, when the glorious country holds out such opportunities of becoming independent and fairly wealthy with a small investment and not very hard labor.

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There will be no entry fee.

All entries must be sent to The Dalles, in a standard two-bushel grain sack, so that they may be displayed as received in uniform manner.

Each bushel must be accompanied by signed statement giving township and county in which it

was raised, and name of person entering it.

Each bushel on receipt will be given a number, and the name and location of raising will be kept absolutely secret until judges' decision is rendered.

Each shipment made should be plainly addressed, "Pacific Northwest Wheat Contest, The Dalles, Oregon," with name of sender on the tag. Then full details by mail same day, stating how shipment was made, sent Phillip S. Bates, Secretary, The Dalles, Oregon.

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